



SIR BRANCH 161 NEWS

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A Nonprofit Public Benefit Organization for Retired Men Devoted to the Promotion of Independence and Dignity of Retirement

Frank Smith, Big Sir

Opening statement

July, hot weather and a Great Holiday. Last April most of you received an e-mail from a company selling Solar systems. During the June BEC meeting we found that a list of all members and their e-mail addresses had been given them. This is against the SIR rules. So that everyone is aware of this, we will be putting a notice in the 2014 Handbook, informing everyone that the info in the Handbook is proprietary and not to be disseminated.



Next Regular luncheon meeting

Our next regular Luncheon meeting will be on Tuesday, July 9, 2013.

If you know you will not attend this luncheon, make sure that you contact our Attendance Chairman, Bill Konold at 634-2738 or bkonold@comcast.net. If you miss the meeting and do not let us know in advance you may be charged for the meal, since we have to guarantee seating to the Country Club.

Attendance

Attendance at our regular Luncheon meetings is important to us as a Branch. If you are not there you will be missed. Our luncheons are a time to renew relationships, exchange stories about our recent experiences and plan for new events to participate in. Sometimes you may even hear a joke or two. So it is important to us that you participate in our regular monthly luncheons. If you will not be available to attend for an extended time due to travel, illness or

being a care giver you can request be placed on inactive status for six months by the Branch Board. Just let us know.

Membership

Our Branch membership has shrunk to 162. Recruiting is still a very important key to keeping us strong, so please continue to remind friends and neighbors to come visit us and possibly join up. Finding new members is like finding money. Remember, you get a free meal for bringing in a new member.

Activities

SIR is not just about attending monthly luncheons, but includes a multitude of activities. Details on these activities are in this newsletter. Read about them and consider joining. If we do not provide an activity YOU are interested in, let me know and maybe we can start it up

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Big Picture

Check out www.sirinc.org to see what is "happening" statewide. While you are browsing the Internet, visit our own outstanding Branch website at www.sir161.org for more Branch information and pictures.

Newsletter

Continue to share the Branch 161 Newsletter with your wife, significant other or insignificant relative or friend. Share the newsletter with others, it is a great ice breaker to then invite guests to our luncheons.

Remember - Get out there and participate in our Branch activities or create a new one for others to join you in doing. Just get out there and do **SOMETHING**.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at our next luncheon meeting on July 9th.

Frank

July Birthday Boys

The following Branch 161 members celebrate their birthday in July:

*Bob Anderson, Harlan Averitt, Dan Cadigan,
Murray Cole, Jerry Dittman,
Lee Doty, Brian Enbom,
Remy Giannini, Dick Jamison, Tom Jones,
Tom Kirtley, Mar Knittel, Lowell Onstad,
Dan Riordan, Al Ruiz,
Ernie Wodiske and Pat Woods.*

HAPPY BIRTHDAY Boys!!!!.

*If your name is missing or not correct
let Big Sir, Frank Smith at 513-2885, know so our*

Floyd McBeth, Little Sir

June 2013 Recap

Our June luncheon was meat loaf wrapped with bacon, whipped potatoes with gravy and seasonal vegetables. There were 130 members present.



Free Lunch Winners

The winners this month were Jack Bree and Bill Murphy.

June Speaker

The June speaker was Robert Kanagaki. He is a naturalist from the East Bay Regional Park District. He spoke about the Black Diamond Mines in Antioch. Robert brought a short film on the mines, but we were not able to get any sound from our computer. He still gave us a very good preview of the mines and what you will see if you go there.



Robert pointed out that groups such as ours can ask for private tours at a cost of \$5.00 per person, limited to 15 people at a time. The park will even pick us up in their parking lot. If you are interested let me know and I will set up an event.

July luncheon meal

The July lunch will be Chicken Marsala, Rice Pilaf & Seasonal Vegetables.

SIR Golf Tournament, Will Myers

Again it is time to announce the beginning of sign-ups for our annual SIR Golfing Tournament for members and their mates at the Greenhorn Creek Resort at nearby Angels Camp scheduled this year for Wednesday, October 2 and Thursday, October 3, 2013. This is the only SIR golfing event which involves the ladies, whether they play golf or not.



The golfing package consists of two days of golf on the beautiful Greenhorn Creek golf course and housing at the adjacent excellent WorldMark time share villas. The golfing format for both days will be two best-balls between teams made up of mixed men and women foursomes. The housing villas are four person (two bedrooms, two baths) units providing access to the facilities, spas and pools, tennis courts, pool tables, and exercise rooms. SIR members have the option of staying at the villas for one night or two nights. Another option is to either seek your own source of dinner on Wednesday night and/or Thursday night, or what most have done in past years is to meet and have dinner at the excellent Greenhorn Creek resort restaurant. Each day after golfing, hors d'oeuvres of nachos, calamari, buffalo wings, and batter fried asparagus will be provided by the Greenhorn Creek staff on the patio overlooking the 18th green. The nearby towns of Angels Camp and Murphy provide plenty of entertainment, restaurants and shopping during the day for both golfers and non-golfers.

The total cost per golfer (which includes golfing, two days of hors d'oeuvres, housing, and golf prize money) is \$183 for those staying one night, while it is \$222 for those staying two nights. The total cost per person for the non-golfers (which includes two days of hors d'oeuvres, and housing) is \$47 for those staying one night, while it is \$86 for those staying two

nights. Past participants of this event will note that the total prices are the same as they were last year.

A sign-up sheet will be in the Discovery Bay Country Club lobby at our monthly SIR meetings through September. If you would like to share a villa with another couple, please indicate this on the sign-up sheet. Those couples choosing to stay one night will have to share a villa with another couple staying one night. Sign up and come join us for two days of fun at this beautiful, yet nearby location. If you have any questions, see or call Will Myers at 925-516-9448.

Membership, Tom Kirtley

Sponsor a new member

Branch members wishing to sponsor a new member should invite the prospect to a regular luncheon meeting as a guest.



If the guest wishes to become a SIR member, the sponsor should obtain an application form from Membership Chairman Tom Kirtley. Have the guest complete the form, and return it to Tom. The prospective member and their sponsor should attend the next regular luncheon meeting.

The Executive Board will vote on the membership, and the new member will be inducted immediately prior to the luncheon.

No new members were inducted at our June meeting.

SIR Membership Requirements

Membership in **Sons In Retirement** is open to men retired from full time occupation, regardless of age, race, color or religion.

See the last page of this newsletter for more information.

The 20th Annual Al DiGiusto Boat Cruise and Luncheon July 18, 2013, Bob Damico

In 1993, 20 years ago, Al DiGiusto conceived the idea to plan a SIR event that would introduce the non-boating Sirs and their wives to the world of boating on the Delta.



The Sirs with boats invited the non-boaters to ride with them on a Cruise to one of the many Delta waterfront restaurants for lunch. Al coordinated this very successful event for 12 years, until his passing in 2005. The event continues in his honor.



This year's Boat Cruise and Lunch will be held Thursday, July 18th, 2013 and starts at The Boardwalk Grill in Discovery Bay. There will be sign-up sheets at the June and July meetings.

Menu Choices:

Chicken wrap served with a side of fresh fruit, Chicken Caesar salad (comes with garlic bread), tri-tip sandwich served with french fries, or fish and chips. Non-alcoholic beverage, dessert, tax and tip included for \$15.00 per person. Also house wine discounted to \$4.50 glass, and draft beer \$1.00 off (\$2.25 domestic, \$3.75 premium 16 oz. size).

Agenda:

Meet at the boardwalk by 11:30 (by car or boat). Lunch served at noon. After lunch we'll load up and cruise the bays. Or for those interested, go out on the river for a faster ride. Sign up with and meet your boat captain at his house and cruise to the Boardwalk. Or, walk or drive your car to the Boardwalk; We'll have boats / boat captains there to give you a ride after lunch.

Sign Up deadline is July 11, 2013.

----- Detach & return this stub with payment -----

Your Name(s):

Phone #:

Your Menu Choices:

Chicken Wrap _____

Chicken Caesar Salad _____

Tri Tip Sandwich _____

Fish & Chips _____

(Make check out to / Mail to: R.C. Damico 141 Discovery Bay Blvd. Discovery Bay, CA 94505)

Check one:

____ Need a Boat Ride ____ Have Boat Ride - Riding with _____

____ Have Boat and need passengers (have room for ____)

Al DiGiusto Boat Cruise and Luncheon July 18, 2013

Bowling News, Paul Elmer

We have completed 3 of 12 weeks in our SIRs Summer League with the Misfits, led by Shirley Madsen, Dottie Harris, Pam Jarvie, and Greg Mattus in first place by one game over Anything's Possible, led by Mary Hershberger, Rosie Elmer, Russ Reid and Paul Elmer. They have 9 and 8 wins respectively with four other teams 2 games behind at 7 wins. This promises to be the usual shootout to the finish.



There's not much happening on the tournament front for Branch 161 at the present time as most of the tournaments are in places far, far, away and require up to 3 to 4 hours of travel, some of it during commute hours to the East Bay or, worse yet, to the Bay Area. The next tournament is on June 30th and July 1st in San Jose at Cambrian Bowl. With no traffic – 1 hour, commute traffic – 2 plus hours on a good day. The tournament after that is in Yuba City, 3 hours away, on July 15th and 16th. Napa is next on the schedule on July 29th and 30th with only one hour of travel. Very do-able. Of course, most of us are waiting for the Reno Tournament on Aug. 19th, 20th, and 21st. This one is always very well represented by Branches 161 and 108.

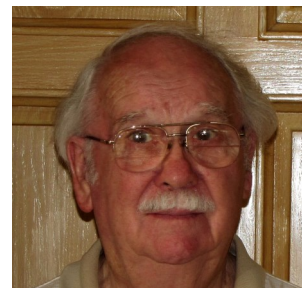
Bob Damico has once again done some very much appreciated work on the senior bowling display located at Harvest Park Bowl. The display is now in a glass showcase featuring various pictures of our seniors with high games and of course the display of the Elwood Davis – Jim Heck Perpetual Trophy. Thank you, Bob, very much; Bob was very instrumental in getting a large sign moved so that the senior section could be more than doubled in size.

For those who didn't get a chance to watch the pro's on the Senior PBA50 Tour at Harvest Park Bowl last week, you missed some very exciting bowling of individual scores (five 300 games) and match play to reach the finals in which Walter Ray Williams defeated Pete Thomas by ONE pin in a sudden death roll-off for the championship. Walter Ray and Pete Thomas tied at 223 which, by the rules, require a one ball roll-off. Both had strikes on the first ball with Pete scoring

9 on the second ball and Walter striking once more for the win and \$8000. Pete did earn \$3500 for his effort, which shows how much every pin counts in competition.

Bridge - Harry Ohlson

All bridge players are welcome, new or old. Our next session is July 16th, noon at the Discovery Bay Country Club. Please call me for seating at 513-3048.



Harry O.

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| 03/12/2013 | 09/17/2013 (note 1) |
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| 05/14/2013 (note 2) | 11/12/2013 |
| 06/11/2013 | 12/10/2013 (note 2) |

Note 1: The September meeting will be held on the 3rd Tuesday.

Note 2: Mother's Day and Christmas With The Ladies are not 'required' Branch luncheon meetings.

Your newsletter team

Let us know if we can improve this publication.



Tom Jones
Editor



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SIR Activities, Dick Donald

Following are some ongoing SIR activities, including details on current plans. Feel free to call Dick Donald (513-2849) for more information on these and other activities.



Wine Tasting, Dick Donald – 513-2849

Once again, the June wine tasting was filled up. Alan and Pam Jarvie will be hosting the July SIR wine tasting event on Thursday, July 25, at 4 PM. If you are interested in attending this very popular activity please contact Dick Donald at 513-2849, or email DickDonald@Yahoo.com

Poker, Dick Donald – 513-2849

The SIR poker game has started again with games the last few months. The next game is scheduled for Thursday, July 18, with Warren Young hosting. If you are interested in a quarter limit dealer choice game (fun poker, not serious money), please contact Dick Donald at 513-2849, or email DickDonald@Yahoo.com

Bocce Ball, Dick Donald – 513-2849

Bocce Ball has had spotty attendance the last few weeks. I am now sending out an email each week to remind players to attend the game. If you are interested in playing, let me know (513-2849, or email DickDonald@Yahoo.com) to put you on the bocce ball email list.

Pickleball, Bob Lyman – 628-7906

Pickleball is still looking for a few more good men (and women)! Beginner pickleball classes are being offered the 2nd and 4th Saturdays at 11:00 am. This is a very easy way to give it a try. Drop-in play schedule is now Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 8:00 am and Wednesday at 4:00 pm. So come join in the fun for a little exercise and competition. We play at the public tennis courts at 641 Willow Lake Road, Discovery Bay. Just bring yourself; we have everything else needed.

Golf News, Dale Welin

At the U. S. Open - Merion Country Club, the set up of the golf course won. June 18th at The Reserve, the wind won and it was a very tough wind for all of us. Only one player did better than net par and that was Ray Neubauer, who netted 66. Wish he was on my team!!!



The results were:

1st place - 148 - Onstad, Zierau, Pacheco, Neubauer (we know who carried this team).

2nd place - 154 - Disney, Anderson, Pachucki, Berry.

Closest to the pin winner was Tony Pacheco. Only 1 winner, as the other group could not hit the green.

Our player list was small, as only 20 players turned out. Hope the list will grow for July. See you then.

The July golf tournament will be at the Swenson Park Golf Course, with details below:

When: Tuesday, July 16, 2013

Time: 8:00 am shotgun start

Where: Swenson Park GC, Stockton - Turn off at Benjamin Holt and go east about 1 mile.

Address is 6803 Alexandria Place, Stockton, CA 95207

Cost: \$35.00 for golf, cart and prize money

Format: To be determined

Notify Dale to get on the player list and then send a check to Dale at 2867 Cherry Hills Drive, Discovery Bay, CA 94505.

If there are SIR 161 Branch members who are NOT in our golf club and would be interested in playing, please contact Dale Welin at 516-9463. We would welcome new members.

Dale Welin

Membership Requirements & Principles

Membership is open to men retired from full time occupation, regardless of age, race, color or religion. There are no dues, fees or assessments. Member volunteers and staff administer and govern all branch activities. Voluntary member contributions provide for these activities. SIR supports no outside cause or interest. We prohibit discussions of politics and religion or the selling of anything to any member. The only requirements to join SIR are that a man be retired, or semi-retired, and sponsored by an active member.

Attendance Policy *(Revised July, 2012)*

Luncheon meetings are normally held on the second Tuesday of the month at the Discovery Bay Country Club, 1475 Club House Drive. (There are exceptions to when we need to hold our meetings on a different Tuesday, so please check the Meetings Calendar elsewhere in this issue).

Social hour is at 11.00am and lunch is at noon. All members are expected to attend Luncheon meetings unless prevented by illness, absence from the Branch locale, or acting as a caregiver to a spouse or companion. If you cannot attend, you are required to notify the Attendance Chairman by the Friday prior to the luncheon meeting or you may be charged for the luncheon.

Regular members missing three consecutive meetings without notifying the Attendance Chairman, or missing more than five (5) meetings within the last 12 months for any reason, shall be notified by letter or email of the Branch Executive Committee's pending action to terminate their membership.

Certification of attendance at another branch will be considered a credit to attendance.

Responsibility Clause

All tours, trips and other activities for or by Sons In Retirement, Inc. and its branches are for the convenience and pleasure of the members and their guests who desire to participate. Sons In Retirement, Inc. and its branches do not assume responsibility for the well-being or safety of the participants, or in any matters pertaining to tours, trips, or other activities.

Reminders

Voluntary contributions defray the administrative costs of running our organization. For those who have not "donated" their contribution, be sure to bring \$20.00 cash or a check (made out to SIR Branch 161) to our next meeting. You can also mail it to our Treasurer, Tony Pacheco.

Dress code for our meetings is "Country Club Casual", which means no jeans or denim, cutoffs or exercise shorts, shirts must have a collar, no tank tops or T-shirts, no flip-flops or thong type sandals. Please ensure that your guests are aware of this policy. Simple etiquette requires that hats be removed while in the dining room.

If you're unable to attend a meeting

Our Branch is obligated to pay for lunches not served. Please contact Bill Konold by the Friday preceding the meeting if you don't plan to attend.

Bill Konold, 634-2738 or email: bkonold@comcast.net

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